

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Server SV of a contents supplying system according to this invention stores, together with numerous contents, contents purchase information including contents ID information and copy control data of already supplied contents as user information for each user US (a; b) of information processing terminal PC (a1, a2; b1) registered in advance. Upon request for supplying the contents from information processing terminal PC, server SV supplies the relevant contents and renews the contents purchase information of the relevant user by amendment. When information processing terminal PC sends to server SV a request for copying the downloaded contents, server SV sends the copy control data of the relevant contents as a reply. In accordance with the contents of the copy control data, information processing terminal PC determines whether or not to copy the relevant contents into external apparatus KD or recording medium RMb. Thus, the number of times for copying can be restricted, contents by contents, in accordance with a will of the contents supplier without imposing a burden on the user.